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The Time Has Come

(Letter from North Pacific Yearly Meeting to Pacific Yearly Meeting)

For so many years, across so many miles, "Yearly Meeting" has had one well-loved meaning for us all. We see our children grown who were born into it; some of us are getting old; some are gone. The years have seen us grow fruitful and multiply together; and when we came to see that there are both rewards and burdens in our increase, we labored long and carefully over the needful separation. Now the time has come to accomplish it, and our tongues must reluctantly learn a new allegiance.

Friends of the North Pacific region therefore, coming to Olympia, Washington, in the experiment of a new form of annual gathering devoted as far as possible to worship and fellowship, held a single session for business in which the following minute was approved:

"This North Pacific Gathering of Friends forms the North Pacific Yearly Meeting as of this date, July 17, 1972. The individual Monthly Meetings are to establish their relationship with North Pacific Yearly Meeting and with Pacific Yearly Meeting as they feel moved."

The support given to the Gathering by Edwin Sanders and Gretchen Tuthill in coming to a decision was deeply felt.

Further approval was given to setting up a Steering Committee which is to conduct all business during the year and make the arrangements for the 1973 Yearly Meeting. Correspondence should be directed to the Chairman of the Steering Committee. In due course, Presiding Clerks of the 1973 sessions will be appointed by the Committee.

As our Monthly Meetings proceed to inform you of their intentions, we will be strengthened in the growth so joyfully welcomed by Pacific Yearly Meeting on hearing the news of our decision. Your loving response will be transmitted to our Monthly Meetings. We join with you in hopes for maintaining close ties, particularly looking forward to continued sharing in the common resources of the Discipline and the Friends Bulletin, embracing financial support and participation on their respective committees. It is encouraging to know that if we need help, we may call on the PYM Consultative Committee on Organization.

We take with us cherished memories of the

years together that are past. We know we will suffer regrets that must arise out of the inevitable separations; we hope to lessen these by mutual intervisitation. Mixed with such emotions, we feel the eagerness of our responses to leadings toward a new structure offering hopes for deeper and wider fellowship among us. If, as Gretchen Tuthill said, our efforts are blessed, it is our hope that a blessing may also be felt by Pacific Yearly Meeting, to which we send our loving greeting.

On behalf of North Pacific Yearly Meeting.

ALICE DART

NPYM Steering Committee

Return to St. Mary's

The 27th session of Pacific Yearly Meeting, which had been scheduled for August 11-16 at Francisco Torres, Santa Barbara, has been rescheduled.

As rescheduled and confirmed, the session in 1973 will be held from July 30 to August 4 at St. Mary's College, Moraga, California, which was the site of the 26th session in 1972.

According to a note sent by Edwin A. Sanders, Clerk of Pacific Yearly Meeting, to all Clerks of PYM, "we have had to withdraw from our arrangement to hold Yearly Meeting at Francisco Torres in Santa Barbara next year. When it came to drawing a clear agreement there, we were unable to fulfill each other's expectations."

The lease document for the 27th session will be finalized at the Executive Committee meeting, which will take place in Pasadena March 3 and 4.

The new scheduling is unusual for a PYM session in two respects: first, it is earlier in the summer, and second, it runs from Monday through Saturday rather than from Saturday through Thursday.

"We certainly appreciate the opportunity to return to St. Mary's in 1973 and 1974," said Frank J. Burnham, PYM Registrar, in a confirming letter to Brother Martin Ash of the college, "and your flexibility in accepting us on such short notice for 1973. We would certainly have

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preferred a date a week or two later in the year due to conflicts with many who attend this conference and are involved in summer school activities, but understand your scheduling problem."

YOUNG FRIENDS

Young Friends of College Park Quarterly Meeting plan a New Years get-together at Ben Lomand Quaker Center over the night of Dec. 31. We hope to be joined by Young Friends everywhere. The plan is to meet there about 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, and break up about that time on Jan. 1. Our estimate is \$6 for the time. This will include rental for the Center and food. We would like to know who plans to come for sure by Dec. 15 and no later than Christmas. However, as some of you may not receive this Bulletin notice till beyond that, please get word to myself, J.B., or Megan or Heather — or just come. Young Friends planning to come and be a part of the fun and fellowship are urged to send me the estimated monies (extra will be refunded) and I will send you a postcard with final details. Trust thy light.

JIM BALDERSTON

(Addresses: Jim Balderston, 213 E. St.; Megan Mersman, 1505 Tulane; Heather Raitt, 2413 Clemson, all in Davis, CA 95616.)

NORTH PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

Presiding Clerks of 1973 Yearly Meeting: to be appointed

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PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING — 1973

JULY 30 — AUGUST 4
ST. MARY'S COLLEGE
MORAGA, CALIFORNIA

The Caring Brings Freshness to All

An early Quaker educator insisted that a boy could learn more English grammar by an hour's conversation with an educated person . . . "practically without teaching." Friends' religion is empirical and experimental — direct contact with reality in Meetings for Worship and Meetings for Business. By the same analogy, there is a rich learning environment in the few days Friends gather at PYM. Our children have an initiation there into understanding what it is to be a Friend. If adults only knew how much our young people want them to care and how the caring brings freshness to all relationships of being human!

Where else can we condense as purely the essence of each epoch in the life of the Society of Friends: the infant, the child, the middle-aged child, the junior high and senior high youth, the college and young adult, the householder, the middle-aged Friend, the mature and older Friend? Howard Brinton has reminded us that "the very old and the very young can be the heart of this community and not the problems of society."

Another dimension of this initiation into what it is to be a Friend lies in acquaintance with those who are willing to take responsibility for the decisions which have given shape to their life style. The most responsive volunteers to help with the Children's Program are deeply individualized Friends with handcraft skills, hobbies, skills of interacting with young people in social concerns, those willing to tuck in the ones not seeming to fit, those so busy in concerns they have plenty of time and interest in sharing. If we really believed we were each one important in the life of the Society, we might respond to a volunteer listing of the human resources within the Yearly Meeting: a voluntary recording of skills and specialties and very ordinary human accomplishments of all the members of all the Meetings that compose the Yearly Meeting. The location of the "holy" for Friends is not in a place, not even in a person so much as in the life and social consciousness, in the value system represented by persons who live and work together exploring the human dimension.

At Yearly Meeting we are sensitized to the range of value commitments of the Society. At each point in the rites of passage of the individual we can learn from one another how to position

ourselves, how to take a stand, how each life style is a manifestation of the human spirit in which each becomes visible to another.

I had an opportunity to walk across the St. Mary's campus many times daily, at every hour and at odd hours during Yearly Meeting, and I was overwhelmed by the great collective educability of Friends, trying to do with distinction all the ordinary things human beings do. My heart sang: "I accept my life in wonder as a gift to be enjoyed responsibly." The dimension of the worshipping spirit needs outlets beyond minutes and epistles and committees in music, art, dance, literature, poetry, discussion, dialogue, capture-the-flag and improvisational theatre.

Authentic life is graceful, full of energy, radiantly ordinary, full of elementary ideas.

In the midst of our wonder about the simplest acts of life, we know what it is to take off our shoes because we are on holy ground. We come naturally to know the depth of silence in the midst of a sacred mystery. It is in such a mood that we reach out to one another in order not to be alone.

Those who go "way out" in social theory or in religious ideas need others while traversing the dark toward the light. Few of us can manage an heroic life style of total responsibility — where each must bear the burden of his decisions without resource to any external authority — unless we can touch others within a caring society.

The Yearly Meeting fills some of the need for that postnatal gestation period in the maturing of human beings. Shaw declared that humans become mature in the late seventies. Perhaps PYM is one of the Shavian eggs in which the human potential can be gracefully nurtured.

As we plan for PYM 1973, again at St. Mary's, we might keep in mind this continuity of life in the round forever beginning again. The search for models for our children, our interest in a variety of life styles, our hope to use the regular processes of Friends as educational tools and curriculum, make it urgent for you to show us the person you have made of your life as we call for volunteers for the educational programs of Pacific Yearly Meeting.

MARIAN B. SANDERS
Children's Program Coordinator

Pacific Northwest Quarterly Meeting

This fall, Pacific Northwest Quarterly Meeting gathered with our small, dynamic Tacoma Meeting in the spirit that takes away the occasion for strife.

We deeply missed Victoria, Calgary and Vancouver Friends who were, except for our Junior Friends Clerk, placing their attention on closer ties with Canadian Yearly Meeting.

Many of us heard information about and visited one of the key focuses of our host meeting's concerns and energies: Prisoners Support House. This is a house where families of prisoners at McNeil Island penitentiary may stay while visiting their family member.

On Saturday evening, using lay counseling methods, we reach through outer behaviors to touch "that of God" in each other. It was a close and moving experience.

PATRICIA LEWIS WOLL

FROM THE MINUTES

Pacific Northwest Quarterly Meeting convened in Tacoma, Washington, on Oct. 28, 1972. The following report is compiled from the minutes:

"Pullman-Moscow Preparative Meeting would like to become a member of North Pacific Yearly Meeting. We approved their applying directly to the Steering Committee of the new Yearly Meeting."

Quarterly Meeting approved the withdrawal of Calgary Monthly Meeting.

The Quarter approved the recommendation of its Peace Committee for a closer relationship between Monthly Meetings and AFSC.

Approved as new members of the Nominating Committee were Lizanne Magraw and Pat Woll, who also was approved as Chairman.

"Clerk was asked to correspond with Victoria Meeting in regard to their membership in Pacific Northwest Quarterly Meeting, as Friends refused to accept a verbal report that withdrawal from Pacific Yearly Meeting automatically included withdrawal from the Quarterly."

WEDDING

FARLEY-MOON. Sandra Ellen Moon of Santa Barbara Meeting and Thomas Baxter Farley of Marin Meeting were married at the Berkeley Friends Meetinghouse under the care of Marin Meeting on November 4, 1972. An improvisational theatre performance followed the reception.

DEATH

DEAN SPITANOGLA. Dean Spitanogle, born May 10, 1922, at Glenwood, Oregon, died September 17, 1972, at the Roseburg Hospital, Roseburg, Oregon. From 1956 until his death, Dean was a member of the Salem Monthly Meeting, where he is remembered especially for his long and active concern for peace.

QUAKER PRESENCE

Friends will recall that the Friend in the Orient Committee recommended and Yearly Meeting approved the recommendation that Sang Dal Cha serve as Friend in Korea. He will not be leaving until March 1973, which allows time to plan more carefully while he is here the nature of the "Quaker presence" we would like him to supply in his native land.

The Friend in the Orient Committee invites suggestions from members of the Yearly Meeting. How can Quaker ties between the little group of Friends in Korea and Friends in PYM be strengthened and enriched? What can Sang Dal Cha contribute, and how, to a better understanding and appreciation of Korean culture? How can we in this country relate in meaningful ways with the people of Korea through the "Quaker presence" there?

Any ideas? we invite you to give some thought to this and report to us your leadings.

J. STUART INNERST
Chairman

MEETING NOTE

Pacific Achworth Friends Meeting is now worshipping on Sundays at 11 a.m. at the Pasadena Girls Club, 3160 E. Del Mar Blvd., Pasadena.

"Children meet with us at the beginning and then leave for their class."

"As this is a small Meeting, visitors are especially appreciated."

Reports on Friends World Committee

(Robert S. Vogel, Convenor for PYM's Representatives to Friends World Committee, compiled reports by Margaret Jump and Nancy Bailey for the following account.)

Two of PYM's representatives participated in the annual meeting of the Friends World Committee's American Section held in Media, Pa. in September — Margaret Jump from and Nancy Bailey, now at Wilmington College. Both reported a time of lively sharing, profitable learning and serious evaluation.

Agenda items included plans for the 1973 Quaker Youth Pilgrimage scheduled for England, July 13 — August 17; the conference on service and missions to be held in London in January; the growing number of regional conferences on faith and life, following up on the 1970 St. Louis Conference; the Sydney, Australia Triennial Meetings in August 1973, along with a special focus on Quakerism in Asia; the continuation of the Program for Right Sharing of World Resources; and the budget crises. In addition three new publications were announced which may be ordered directly from FWCC-American Section, 152-A North 15th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19102: the 1972 HANDBOOK listing all Yearly Meetings, Friends schools, service and mission groups; INTERNATIONAL WORK describing in some detail the various mission and service organizations; and a new brochure describing Quaker work at the U.N.

Barry and Kay Hollister reported on Friends role at the July U.N. conference on the environment. Barry was chairman of the Nongovernmental Organizations conference which ran parallel to the official conference.

Margaret Jump reported, "I was reminded several times during the weekend how varied and many are the ways in which the FWCC serves the world family of Friends, services which we as Meetings and individuals too often take for granted. I wish very much that more persons in our Pacific and North Pacific Yearly Meetings would become FWCC Associates and that there could be at least one Associate in each Monthly Meeting. (An FWCC Associate includes present and former representatives of their Yearly Meetings to FWCC, participants in FWCC programs, official visitors, Friends who have given hospitality to visitors from Yearly Meetings other than their own, or financial contributors.)

"In view of the fact that the American Section has had to cut staff and draw from limited reserves, much thought was given to priorities and the relative importance of the working committees."

In commenting on the Program for the Right Sharing of World Resources, she encouraged Friends who are disturbed by American affluence to help FWCC with this program.

Nancy Bailey noted the "earnest attempts being made around the country, and perhaps the world, at unifying Friends of different types. My experiences locally have been such that I have not felt much tie or connections between unprogrammed Meetings and pastoral Churches. But now I see that it is possible, not only at the national level, but at the local level — a hope I was not able to conceive of earlier. . . . I feel strongly that there are more similarities in ways of feeling than many Quakers are open to admitting. And even so, there can be rich strength in a group that has its differences but is yet able to synthesize them. Let us reach out."

Nancy was impressed with the contribution of Jane Waller, a Friend from Virginia Beach, who called for greater attention to grass roots action. In the early days, local groups got together to work on reforms of various kinds on the most basic level of organization. Jane Waller suggested that the business sessions of FWCC seemed to be the farthest removed from the basic action which is part of our past. "We are instead working from a very high level of organization to raise money and instigate projects and programs that will then, hopefully, filter down to 'real people.' She noted that there are soem things happening with Quaker groups at the most rooty level, projects that don't need the help of FWCC."

Surely the Friends World Committee for Consultation is no substitute for grass roots action. And rather than a "filtering down" operation, it lists as its goals: "Friends communicating with one another, sharing with one another the things of substance and spirit which each values, giving support to members of the Quaker family who may be in greatest trouble or who are carrying the heaviest burden — and, at the same time, learning to share with others outside the Quaker family what we have, both of substance and spirit."

NEEDED RESIDENT COUPLE

Honolulu Friends Center
beginning summer of 1973

Inquire from:
Honolulu Friends Meeting
2426 Oahu Avenue
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822
adv.

QUERIES

Honolulu Meeting's newsletter in September ran the following queries, written by Phyllis Thompson:

Does our faith shine in the deeds and words of that part of our lives which we share with others so that we bear daily witness to the light within?

Is the active testimony in our lives to our beliefs as Friends of such a winning and outward goodness as to inspire others to join with us?

CORRECTION

The listing for the Schutz family in the Pacific Yearly Meeting Registrar on Page 16 of the September 1972 Friends Bulletin is in error. There is no "L" in the surname of Robert, Marie, Karla and David Schutz. They reside in Palo Alto, rather than in Berkeley (as erroneously listed). Friends are urged to correct their directories.

The address error was repeated in the listing of Robert Schutz as Recording Clerk in the September, October and November Bulletins. The listing on Page 2 of this issue is correct. The Editor regrets these errors and the difficulties they occasioned the Schutz family and other Friends.

CARETAKERS

Los Angeles Meeting is looking for caretakers. "We would like to have a married couple if possible, but if not, a responsible single adult would be acceptable. We are not able to pay a salary but can offer free rent of the living quarters, which consists of two adjoining rooms in the Meetinghouse, plus the use of another non-connecting room if desired, and of course the use of the kitchen. The Meetinghouse was built originally as a private home. The only cost would be the proportional share of utilities. Duties consist of the usual housekeeping services, plus serving as host or hostess for occasional committee meetings." Inquiries may be directed to Kenneth Knight, Clerk, 6030 Fifth Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90043.

Wilbur Pikes is the new caretaker at Orange Grove Friends Meetinghouse. Wilbur and his wife Pat are both attending college parttime. Wilbur is male nurse assistant under the county sheriff's department.

Generous Service and Witness...

(Jack Turk, outgoing Clerk of the Orange County Monthly Meeting, combined a State of the Meeting report with expressions of appreciation in the following statement, which the Meeting wishes to share with PYM.)

An extended family has been the characterization frequently given our Friends Meeting. This past year it seems this family feeling of open, warm friendship has continued to strengthen. We have grown through our worship experiences, meeting retreats and the sharing among individuals and family.

It seems that together as a Meeting we are going through a more quiet time regarding peace and social concerns — but it has been a time of generous individual service and for personal witness especially against the Vietnam War. We continue to face up to the classic Quaker precepts to shine and be joyful about what is good, what is human and to support causes and persons contributing to the building of life's value. In contrast, we continue to be outspoken against forces that would strip from the lives of others and from our own lives the warm, human qualities we believe so essential.

Our Meeting family is stronger by new memberships and with deepening concerns about one another. This past year has been one of important growth for me — I am grateful to all for your confidence, your patience and for being you. And I join with you in looking forward to this next year when Molly Morgenroth will be sharing her many strengths with us.

JACK TURK, *Clerk*
October 15, 1972

SURVEY

A survey is under way at Orange Grove Friends Meeting among junior members nearing 21 years of age. The Meeting has sent letters to parents asking about their children's wishes concerning membership. The Meeting's Committee on Ministry and Oversight has forwarded to Pacific Yearly Meeting's Ministry and Oversight Committee a minute asking that the practice of formal listing of junior members be eliminated from the Discipline.

...for Ourselves and for Our Children

The Orange County Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was started over ten years ago by three Quaker families who had known each other before coming here to live. Our men were conscientious objectors to war, and in pursuit of alternative service for our country, we had met each other.

We saw one another periodically, we liked each other, and finally someone said, "Let's start a Friends' Meeting; we need one."

We want to see each other

We want the Meeting for ourselves and for our children.

And for other families who will be moving here who will need a quiet hour once a week:

To listen;

To hear one another;

To search for meaning;

To study the Bible, the Discipline and other Quaker writings;

To be silent and empty our minds of their busyness and trivia;

To reach out to whoever and whatever we conceive the Great Spirit beyond ourselves to be, and to grow in Grace and Love for one another and the world.

"We want to dance and sing and picnic and celebrate, in our homes and the out-of-doors, the good things.

We want to share the sadnesses, the heartaches, the illnesses and disillusiones that come to us all.

We want to reach out into the wider community and the world and be part of what is happening to create peace and well-being.

And we want to know peace in ourselves, and have ways to regain it when we become lost in anger or despair.

"Who shall we ask to help us accomplish such amazing things?" we asked each other. And we learned that small groups are not expected to do such things alone; an established nearby Quaker Meeting will help if they are asked to do so.

Thus it was that we contacted La Jolla Monthly Meeting and they graciously sent periodic visitors to listen to us and to teach us and learn from and with us.

We met in one another's homes. Others did find us, and they came and brought their children, until no home in our group could hold us.

It was then that a committee found Rancho Mesa Pre-School and we met there until March 2, 1972. At that time another committee searched for and found our present meeting place — the Faculty Club at the University of California at Irvine (near parking lot 7).

Committees are important to Quakers. Our Meetings have these small groups within them that do the Meeting's work and carry out the interests and concerns of the members and attenders of the Meeting. Everyone is needed to help. Our branch of the Society of Friends has no single minister, since we believe that all minister to all, all speak where there is an inner prompting—including children—and all listen-in Meetings for Worship.

At other times the committees meet. What do you suppose these committees do?

Ministry and Counsel

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Each committee has a chairman and several members who are glad to hear of your ideas about what the Meeting might do or be.

The Meeting also has officers, a clerk, an assistant clerk, reading clerk, and a treasurer. We have written records of our decisions and activities; we have bills that must be paid.

You might like to be a member of a committee. A good Quaker committee is really a pleasure to belong to. You see your friends and get things done at the same time. Quakers learn to decide things by consensus, of the sense of the Meeting, rather than by voting. It is very interesting to learn to do this, but it takes time and effort. A Meeting for Business once a month is considered a worthy religious exercise.

What a load of responsibility for a small group! There were many times in the early years when we would get tired or discouraged about our Meeting.

"Maybe we should lay it down," we would say to each other (usually after some one of us had forgotten the key to the Meetingroom — or some such thing).

"No, no," someone would reply.

"Not this group."

"What makes this group so special and different from the other groups we go to?" we asked ourselves.

And we answered our own question. "We need it. It is the water and the bread of life for us. Truly we experience whatever God is, when we search together here, and in some mysterious way, the search does set us free!

So it was that we found strength to continue on and La Jolla Monthly Meeting celebrated with us our independence and ability to stand alone as the Orange County Monthly Meeting of the

Religious Society of Friends. In so doing we became part of the Southern California Quarterly of Pacific Yearly Meeting and the other 52 Yearly Meetings of Friends around the world.
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